

COUNTRY East GermanyTOPIC Military Information from East Germany

25X1 EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 20 June to 11 July 1952

25X1 DATE OBTAINED

DATE PREPARED 21 August 1952

25X1 REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

25X1

(E 55/0 51):  
20 June. From 9:30 a.m. to 6 P.m.: firing at towed sleeve targets from various locations.  
21 June. From 5:50 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.: firing at towed sleeve targets.  
22 June. No firing practice.  
23 June. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: firing at towed sleeve targets.  
24 and 25 June. No firing activity noticed.  
26 June. From noon to 3 p.m.: firing at towed sleeve targets.  
27 June. From 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: firing at towed sleeve targets. From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.: firing without sleeve targets.  
2 July. From 5:50 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.: firing at towed sleeve targets.  
3 and 4 July. No firing noticed.  
5 July. From 5:50 and 6:50 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: firing with no sleeve targets.  
6 July. No firing noticed.  
7 July. From 5 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.: firing at towed sleeve targets.

8 July. From 11:15 a.m. to an undetermined time: firing at towed sleeve targets. 10 July. No firing activity noticed. 11 July. From 11:30 a.m. to an undetermined time: firing at towed sleeve targets.

On 24 June, a major, [redacted] who rode on truck [redacted] said that he and his unit came from Kuestrin-Kietz. On 7 July, about 25 trucks carrying personnel and towing 12 guns were seen proceeding from the firing range toward Heschendorf. They returned at about 10 p.m. Another column of about 20 trucks carrying personnel and towing 10 guns also proceeded from the firing range in the direction of Heschendorf. [redacted] A craftsman [redacted] stated that a general, who spoke German, was commanding officer at the firing range. On 7 July, [redacted] the guard device of the tank dummies caused him a lot of trouble as the electric motors were unable to tow the dummies more than 6 km. The towing device covered the entire length of the narrow tongue of Kieler Ort. He said that new transformers would finally arrive on 10 July. On the night of 10 July, he stated that the two transformers had arrived in Neubukow and the installation would start on 11 July. Residents in Heschendorf stated that the customs house had had to be vacated by German families living there and was occupied by Russians. A low wooden structure capable of quartering about 40 soldiers was built in a woods patch near Heschendorf and practices were allegedly planned in the area of Lohen-Hiendorf. A low wooden structure was allegedly to be built. A young Volkspolizei recruit stated in conversation that he was going to participate in joint practices with the Russians which were scheduled to be held in

25X1

25X1

- 2 -

Gustrow. \*

25X1

\* [redacted] Comment. The intensive firing activity tends to indicate that the Gustrow firing range was occupied as previously until 11 July 1952. [redacted]

25X1

25X1

[redacted] Firing at tank dummies was previously reported. [redacted]

25X1

25X1

[redacted] Truck [redacted] belongs to the 32d AAA Div (US).

SECRET [redacted]

25X1